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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

GUENTHER REINHARD KRAM ET AL.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/718,635

EXAMINER: SCHIFFMAN

FILED: NOVEMBER 24, 2003

GROUP ART UNIT: 3677

FOR: THREADED FASTENER FOR USE WITHIN
MULTIPLE SUBSTRATES

COVER LETTER

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and in response to the outstanding office action, an Amendment was timely filed on September 7, 2004.

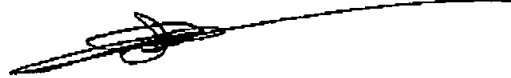
As a result of a recent conversation with Group personnel, the undersigned Attorney of Record was informed

that the Amendment paper had apparently not been received and had not been entered into the official application file.

I am therefore attaching a complete copy of the Amendment as filed, along with a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt card evidencing the timely filing of the Amendment on September 7, 2004.

Please ensure that this document is immediately entered into the application file so as to prevent the application from going abandoned.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Attorney Docket No. 71-831-1

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application.

___ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed herewith.

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, and in response to the outstanding office action dated May 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: